

REMARKS

The May 28, 2009 restriction requirement holds that this application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following Species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Species 1 – Figure 2;
- Species 2 – Figure 3; and
- Species 3 – Figure 4.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the *Species 1* illustrated in Figure 2 *without traverse*.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-5, 7-16 and 18-24 since they read on the elected species shown in Figure 2. Claims 6 and 17 are believed to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, these claims 6 and 17 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file the divisional applications for the non-elected species.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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